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TOPIC 1. PS Battalion in Hranice 25X1
 2. 1st PS Bn in As

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Prior to 2 October 1951, the PS battalion in Hranice (N 51/P 19) was sub-
 25X1 ordinate to the PS brigade in Cheb (N 51/P 37), which was commanded by
 25X1 Captain Marcin (fnu). The brigade, in turn, was subordinate to Unit [redacted]
 [redacted] in Prague whose officers included Colonel Slavacka (fnu), commanding
 officer; General Smoldas (fnu), deputy commanding officer; and Colonel Taus
 (fnu), political officer. (1)
2. The PS battalion in Hranice was commanded by Lieutenant Rudolf Menys. It had
 one company each in Stitavy (N 51/P 19) and Ujezd (N 51/P 19). Another PS
 company of undetermined assignment was stationed in Krasna (N 51/P 19). (2)
3. The PS company in Stitavy had a strength of 34 men, of whom two were
 Slovaks. It was equipped with an undetermined number of model 23 submachine
 25X1 guns, 3 model 26 light machine guns and 1 heavy machine gun. Six Soviet
 25X1 armor-piercing rifle grenades which were similar to, but smaller than, the
 German bazooka (Panzerfaust) were seen in the ordnance room. Guard duty was
 performed by patrols of 2 men each in daytime and by 5 stationary details
 of 3 men each at night. (3)
4. Prior to 12 August 1951, the 1st PS Bn in As (N 21/P 18) was subordinate
 25X1 to the PS brigade in Cheb which, effective 25 July 1951, was commanded by
 25X1 Captain Marcin (fnu), successor of Major Okruhlik (fnu), who was transferred
 25X1 to the PS High Command [redacted] in Prague. Other officers of the
 25X1 brigade included Lieutenant Pokorny (fnu), chief of staff; Lieutenant Novak
 25X1 (fnu), political officer; and Junior Lieutenant Chrenek (fnu), OZ officer.
 The 2d PS Bn in Cheb and the 3d PS Bn in Hranice were also subordinate to
 the PS brigade in Cheb.
5. The 1st Bn, [redacted] was commanded by Lieutenant Hrabec (fnu). Eight
 25X1 PS companies were committed in the As area; namely the Selbska Co, [redacted]
 [redacted] located on the road to Selb, Bavaria; a second
 company in Novy Zdar (N 51/P 18), [redacted] a third
 25X1 in Polna (N 51/P 28), [redacted]; a fourth in Vyhledy (N 51/P 28), [redacted]
 [redacted]; a fifth in Krasna; a sixth in Doubrava (N 51/P 29); a seventh
 25X1 in Dolni Paseky (N 51/P 29); and an eighth in Horni Paseky (N 51/P 28). The
 25X1 Selbska Co and the company in Novy Zdar were known to be subordinate to
 the 1st Bn. Other assignments could not be determined. Slovaks with the
 units were being replaced in increasing numbers by Czechs. (4)

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25X1 [] Comments.

- (1) This report confirms previous information on PS High Command [] and the PS brigade in Cheb. It also confirms the reassignment of Major Okruhlik (fnu) to the PS High Command in July 1951. []

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- (2) This report substantially confirms a report of January 1951, but fails to mention all of the companies of the battalion. The company in Krasna is a component of the PS battalion in As.

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- (4) The companies mentioned in this report are located in the border area west and east of As where only one PS battalion is carried, but they seem too many to be assigned to only one battalion. It is possible that one or two companies belong to the PS battalion in Hranice.

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